

June 7, 2004

Federal Communication Commission
Request for Review
Docket No 02-6

Reference: Billed Entity Name: Southeast Delco School District
Billed Entity Number: 126105
471 Application Number: 421881
Applicant Form Identifier: C0406
Funding Status: Form 471 Certification Rejection letter

We are requesting for review, the decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) decision on appeal 1180889 and 1181031 Denied in full. **"The Signature in block 6, Item 34 of the Form 471 Certification submitted is blank."** Three separate 471 forms were sent in the same registered certified envelope with signatures. Please see enclosed copy of Block 6 with signature and appropriate attachments sent originally with the signature page.

The person who usually helps submits the forms for the USAC was hospitalized and eventually passed away during this timeframe. The person who took over in her absence had the forms filled out and signed by the Business Manager. This person put more into the envelope than was necessary. The signed copies and unsigned copies were put into the envelope along with other papers. However, the USAC only saw the 1 signed copy and said there were no other signed copies. Upon receiving the rejection letter, we wrote an appeal explaining the situation and a copy of the signature pages that was put in the envelope for all three requests. The form letter in the appeal was denied in full. We called the USAC and the answer we got was it is our word against yours that there were signed copies. Nothing more can be done except to appeal with the FCC.

When I first called in, I was advised that we would still get the funding even though we were "outside" the window because there is usually leftover money and we are at the 72% level. I was upset when I discovered that sending the USAC Certification form to the Appeals Department did not mean it was certified. I had to send another certification letter to the same place that misplaced the first one. The USAC Appeals department did nothing to help in this stressful situation. I am hoping the FCC can help and insure that this School District gets the funding so desperately needed.

Any questions please call Tom Bedard at 610-358-1856 or email me at 610-358-1856.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Bedard